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SUBJECT: IDF RETENTION NEGOTIATIONS: 1958 NAVIGATIONAL EQUIP-
MENT LOAN AGREEMENT

REFERENCE: STATE 087654

1. IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO ISSUE A FORMAL STATEMENT REGARDING THE FAA EQUIPMENT TRANSFER BUT ONLY TO INFORM INQUIRERS ABOUT THE TRUE FACTS OF THE MATTER AND TO REBUT AGNAR KOFOED-HANSEN (AKH) IN ANY STATEMENTS ON THIS THAT HE MIGHT MAKE TO US IN PRIVATE. IN THE ABSENCE OF REFTEL WE HAD IN FACT STATED ALMOST PRECISELY THE EXPLANATION CONTAINED REFTEL PARA TWO. BOTH THE FONMIN AND MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION (AKH'S SUPERIOR) TOLD AKH TO QUIET DOWN, AND I SPENT OVER 3 HOURS WITH HIM LAST WEEK DURING WHICH WE HAD A VERY FRANK DISCUSSION. THE COMOTION IS NOW OVER. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOW "FRIENDS," AND, INDEED, MUST WORK TOGETHER ON CIVIL AVIATION MATTERS, I CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT IF UNCHECKED HE COULD PROVE TO BE DANGEROUS TO OUR MAIN OBJECTIVE OF RETAINING THE IDF UNIMPAIRED. I MADE IT CLEAR TO AKH THAT USG WILL NOT GET INVOLVED IN HIS INTERNAL POLITICAL SQUABBLE NOR HELP NOR HINDER HIS PERSONAL AMBITIONS UNLESS THEY WERE CONTRARY TO INTERESTS OF USG-ICELANDIC RELATIONSHIP OR CONTRARY TO MAINTENANCE OF AN EFFECTIVE IDF. WE ALSO CLEARED THE AIR BETWEEN FACT AND EMOTION.

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2. I BELIEVE EVERYTHING IS NOW UNDER CONTROL.

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